STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Army has been deployed in all the districts of Punjab since 24th May, 1990 to assist the civil administration and para-military forces to contain militancy in the State.

(c) There have been some casualties but it will not be in the public interest to disclose such details.

(d) The Army has not been withdrawn from Punjab and continues to provide assistance to civil administration as hither-to-fore. The deployment is in consonanse with the assessed threat from the terrorists.

(e) Does not arise.

**Infiltration from Bangladesh**

@@@4489-C. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to check infiltrators from Bangladesh to India;

(b) the impact of the steps taken for the purpose; and

(c) what is the amount that has been spent in this respect during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The measures taken to check infiltration from Bangladesh to India include:—

(1) Intensification of border patrolling and surveillance by the border Security Force.

(2) Erection of OP Towers along the border for better observation.

(3) Troops deployed on the border have been supplied with night vision devices, Binoculars, goggles, twin telescope, hand held search lights etc.

(4) Country|Motor boats have also been provided for border patrolling in riverine areas.

(5) Introduction of the scheme to issue identity cards in the States of Assam, Mizoram and Tripura.

(6) Speeding up the project to construct roads and fence along sensitive stretches of Indo-Bangladesh border.

(7) Sanction of the Scheme of prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners and Mobile Task Force in the affected States.

(b) As a result of the steps taken by the Government a large number of infiltrators have been intercepted|apprehended by the Boarder Security Force on the Indo-Bangladesh border during the last three years as per details given below:

| 1990 | 1991 | 1992 (upto May) |
|---|---|---|
| 47,277 | 61,88 | 15,692 |

(c) Amounts spent on the Border Security Force deployed on Indo-Bangladesh Border have been as follows:—

| Year | Amount (approx.) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 140.22 crores |
| 1990-91 | 169.85 crores |
| 1991-92 | 122.67 crores |

**Writ petition in Jammu and Kashmir High Court**

£4489-D. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a much publicised writ petition filed in Jammu and Kashmir High Court by ex-Chief Justice of J&K and Sikkim High Courts, Mufti Baha-u-Din Farooqi, the Union of India was made a party;

(b) whether in this writ petition, even the accession of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to India was challenged, and it was affirmed on oath by Mufti-u-Din that India annexed Kashmir by "force, fraud and deceit".

@@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 34001, transferred from the 17th August, 1992.

£Previously Unstarred Question No. 4067, transferred from the 17th August, 1992.